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SUBJECT: LAO OFFICIAL PREDICTS REUNIFICATION OF
NORTHEAST THAILAND AND LAOS

1. THE NEWSPAPER XAT LAO OF OCTOBER 24 REPORTS
THAT DEUANE SOUNNARATH (LPF), SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR INTERIOR, TOLD AN OCTOBER 23 SEMINAR FOR SENIOR
OFFICIALS OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY THAT "THE EFFORTS
OF THE THAI REACTIONARIES TO SEPARATE NORTHEAST
THAILAND FROM LAOS WOULD NEVER OBTAIN THEIR GOAL.
SOONER OR LATER LAOS AND NORTHEAST THAILAND WOULD
BE REUNITED. THE IMPERIALISTS AND THE REACTIONARIES
WERE AT THE ORIGIN OF THIS DIVISION."

2. COMMENT: SUCH "GROSS LAOS"
COMMENTS BY LAO COMMUNIST OFFICIAL
CANNOT FAIL TO EXACERBATE THE ALREADY
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DIFFICULT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAOS AND

THAILAND. WHEN THE SUBJECT OF LAO CLAIMS
TO NORTHEAST THAILAND CAME UP SOME
MONTHS AGO, THE OFFICIAL PGNU SPOKESMAN
WAS AT PAINS TO DENY ANY SUCH AMBITION ON
THE PART OF THE LAO GOVERNMENT. NOW, WITH
THE COMMUNISTS FIRMLY IN THE SADDLE, THEY
PRESUMABLY WISH TO INCREASE BANGKOK'S
NERVOUSNESS ABOUT ITS NORTHEAST AND PERHAPS,
IN DOING SO, INCREASE ITS WILLINGNESS TO MAKE
OTHER CONCESSIONS TO THE PGNU.
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